

Appl. No. 10/712,430
Amdt. dated May 9, 2007
Reply to Office Action of May 2, 2007

PATENT


REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2007, a terminal disclaimer signed by an attorney officially of record is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), which overcomes the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-13 and 40-54. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending nonstatutory double-patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (202) 756-8000.

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